

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-01-06

Issued at Barrow, Alaska
February 14, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
February 15, 2005

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2006
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

During the November 2006 Alaska Board of Game meeting in Kotzebue, the Board adopted a winter season general hunt for moose for the portion of Unit 26A in the Colville River drainage upstream from and including the Anaktuvuk River drainage. This emergency order opens a winter season for residents from Feb. 15 – Apr. 15 with a one moose bag limit provided that no person may take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf. Hunters are reminded that the Unit 26A Controlled Use Area, defined in 5 AAC 92.540(10)(A)(ii), prohibits the use of aircraft to hunt moose for the period January 1 through March 31 anywhere in Unit 26A except for the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of moose by aircraft between publicly owned airports.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a)(24), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 26A:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	Nonresident
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Open Season
(24)		
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Unit 26A, that portion in the Colville
River drainage upstream from and
including the Anaktuvuk River drainage

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1 moose; a person may not take a calf or
a cow accompanied by a calf

Feb. 15 - Apr. 15

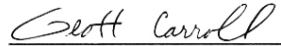
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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 26A remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Geoff Carroll
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game adopted a winter season general hunt for moose at its November 2005 meeting in Kotzebue. The Board set a season of Feb. 15 – Apr 15 for the portion of Unit 26A in the Colville River drainage upstream from and including the Anaktuvuk River drainage. The bag limit was set at 1 moose of either sex, because it is difficult to determine the sex of moose during this time of year; however, a person may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf. The Board approved these changes for the 2005-2006 regulatory year through an emergency order issued by the department.

Regulation 5AAC 92.540(10)(A)(ii), describing the Unit 26(A) Controlled Use Area, prohibits the use of aircraft, except between publicly owned airports, to hunt moose in Unit 26A during January 1 through March 31. Therefore, the restriction on aircraft covers the portion of the season from Feb. 15 – Mar. 31. Restricting aircraft allows a longer season with increased hunting opportunity while minimizing the danger of over-harvest.
